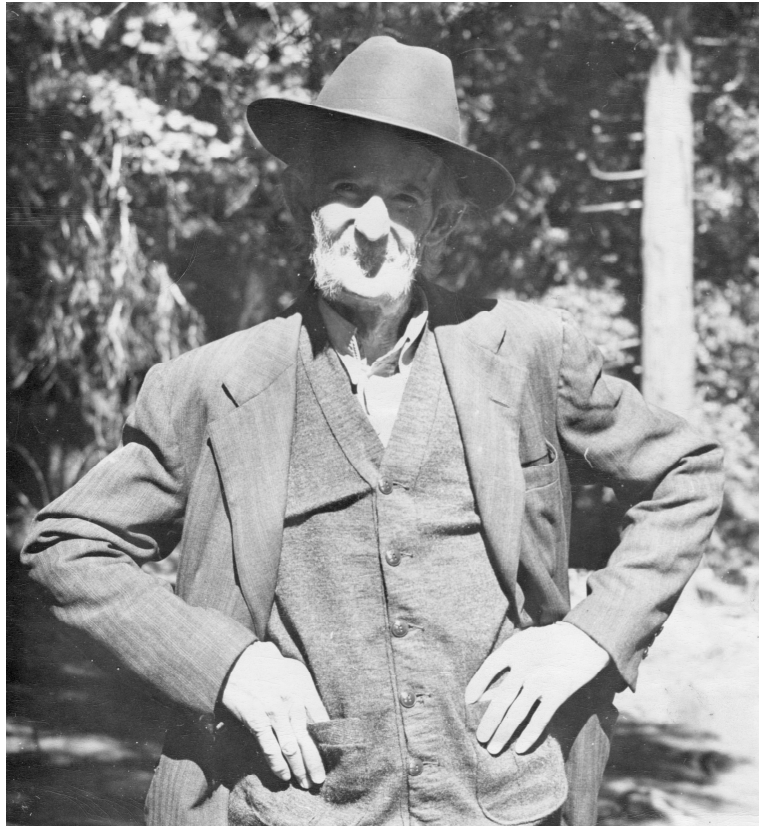


August 12 to September 27, 1941 Diary

Robert Haley Asher



Robert Haley Asher, September 9, 1945

Robert Haley Asher was born 28 March 1868, to Josephus Marion Asher, who was the first commercial nurseryman in the San Diego area, providing buyers with fruit trees, shrubs, & vines from his Fruit Vale ranch in Paradise Valley, National City. Robert Asher settled on Palomar Mountain in 1903, and ultimately had 160 acres, living in the Pauma Creek / State Park area. Robert Asher also lived off Palomar Mountain part of the year working as a nurseryman among other things. On Palomar, Asher photographed summer campers, then developed and sold them photos; he also sold postcards off his photos, trapped animals for pelts, collected and sold wild plants, picked apples, and worked odd jobs. Asher moved off Palomar Mountain in 1946 to his sister Mrs. Josephine A. Vacher's place on Fuerte Drive in El Cajon and continued to visit Palomar Mountain until 1951. Asher passed away on 25 April 1953.

These digitized pages are from the Robert Haley Asher papers (held by Peter Brueggeman). When Josephine Vacher's son vacated the family house in El Cajon, the family gave Robert Asher materials at that location to Peter, due to his Palomar Mountain history interests. Digitization of these materials and posting them to the Internet Archive is intended to enhance and preserve access to these materials.

Handwritten diary from August 12 to September 27, 1941

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Aug 12, Tuesday, S. Y. G. Putting Sulfate
of ammonia on plumons

Aug. 13, Wednesday, Palomar, With Bertran
Foster to San Diego shortly after 12 noon, I
was at the Plaza before 2 P.M. The Saddlers
arrived right on the dot - 2 P.M. Up the coast
to Oceanside, where they left me at the Public
Library. Library closed at 5 P.M. I then walked
around until Library reopened for the evening.
Saddlers picked me up and Henry took
me over to see his mother. We had quite a
visit, then up San Luis Rey Valley and up
Palomar Mountain. They let me off at the head
of my road at the Oliver Place. Too dark to
see my way under the trees, so I left box
and bag and lit out for the Hill Ranch. Got
there about midnight.

Aug 14, Thursday, Asher's Spruce Hill Camp.
Breakfast with Mrs Hill and Phil. Arrived home
about 10 a.m. and very, very tired.

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Aug. 17. Sunday, To Weber's for day, all at home. Also a Miss Ingoborg (Borgy for short) she is the Swedish girl who has visited with the Webers several times. She is to type-write four of my Palomar stories. Doane, Bailey, Uncle Nate, and Cleaver, I went over the m.s. with her. Back to Hill Ranch near bedtime.

Aug. 18. Monday, Spruce Hill Camp, Left Hill Ranch for home before daylight.

Aug. 28. Thursday, To Hill Ranch for late dinner — began about 10 P.M. Mr and Mrs Byron Hill from the Observatory, Gus and Mrs. Weber, Eddie Lyon, Nyla and Mylene Lovler, and Bob Asher.

Sept. 27. Saturday. Bob Fleishes and Assistant Scout Master Ray Shank arrived about 10 a.m. with six bay scouts. After an early dinner they began clearing off brush on top of the hill. Henry Sessler down to see who is who. Hereafter all camp workers to check in at the Park Custodian's Cabin on the way in here.